

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
We are authorized to announce C. M. BUFORD, of Reynolds county, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator in the 24th Senatorial District of Missouri.

We are authorized to announce J. A. WATSON, of Phelps county, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator in the 24th Senatorial District of Missouri.

THE St. Louis Republic may be a Democratic organ of the Folk and Evans stripe, but it's not the kind the people of Missouri stand for and endorse.

It begins to look very much like W. J. Ward of Stoddard county is going to defeat Joe Russell for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fourteenth District.

It was reported here that J. C. Pratt of Ste. Genevieve had withdrawn from the race for Congress in this district. We are assured, however, that such is not the case, and Mr. Pratt expects to stay in the fight to the finish.

HON. E. M. DEARING of Washington county has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district. This practically insures the nomination of Senator Smith of St. Francois county, and we predict his triumphant election in November.

I RATHER like this man Hadley, and pray more strength to his arm. He seems to be conscientious in the prosecution of his duty—no exploitation and no fanfare. The only objection to be urged against him is that he is a Republican. Of course that is a serious objection, but, if he keeps right along in the way he is going, he may outgrow it.

ANDREW JACKSON SUMMERS of Wright county is asking for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Sixteenth District. What does Summers want with a nomination? A nomination isn't binding on him unless it suits him. And if he is defeated for the nomination, which, of course, he will be, we have no doubt he will continue his candidacy right on until November in an effort to elect a Republican. Summers should have the rollers put under him, good, hard, and plenty.

It is with profound regret that I hear of the death of the wife of Hon. F. H. Farris. Though I had no acquaintance with her, and knew her only through the praises of others, her passing, yet in the vigor of comparative youth, unusually impresses me. I know what a good wife is to her husband, a devoted mother to her children. The father may, and the three surviving daughters will, as Time's healing hand assuages the bitterness of their sorrow, form new ties; but for the bereaved husband the world holds no recompense for his present loss. To him and his I extend my earnest sympathy.

POPULAR BLUFF hung a negro the other day, and, judging from the following, taken from a recent issue of the Popular Bluff Republican, they need several more hangings down there:

Louis Smith, Poole Martin and Tom Robbins, three vicious negroes, came to Hogg's Vine street stable last evening and hired a rig. About 2 o'clock this morning they returned to the barn with the rig all broken to pieces and demanded of the boys in the stable that they be given another, which they refused to do. The negroes became very abusive and said they would have the rig anyway, and proceeded to hitch one up and drove off with it. Sheriff Hogg was telephoned about it and informed Officers Whitworth and Henson what the trouble was and asked that they be arrested. Shortly after this they were apprehended and taken to the bastille, but not until the second rig had been damaged to a great extent.

But what is happening in Poplar Bluff these days is experienced in every town where the negro is made a factor in politics.

WALL street's purpose now is to win the South again, in 1908, by a scheme even more cunning than that used in the last campaign. Speaking through Parker, the South is told that it must now take the lead; that it must name one of its own men as Democracy's leader in the next campaign; that the East will be as true to him as the needle to the pole. And quick as a flash the so-called Democratic daily papers of the country take up Parker's suggestion and spread it broadcast over the land. Here in Missouri, in the columns of the St. Louis Republic, the arch-traitor of Western Democracy, we find it, and in the editorial columns of

that old wolf in the fold the Wall street slogan finds sanction.—*Jackson Cash-Book.*

Bro. Mac, how dare you? Is not the Republic the official organ of "true Democracy"—that is, Folk Democracy—for the State of Missouri? Has not the Chairman of the Folk Democratic State Committee—Judge W. N. Evans—so established it, and recommended it to the ultra-pure as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night? (And if the Democracy follow it, we, too, will be wandering in the desert of defeat for forty years—or more.) Hark ye, my brother! Be careful of your ways and meekly bow to the will of the Saints if ye would breathe in the sweet incense of Righteousness.

Another break or two like the foregoing, and you, too, will be classed amongst the "thugs and boodlers." Don't delude yourself with the notion that because your past life has been consistent in honor and integrity, therefore you will be immune from the slurs of the Saints. No, no! They will none the less condemn you, hate you, and seek to despoil you of your office. The house of your former friends will know you no longer, and you will have to flock to yourself. Your Democracy—the Jeffersonian brand—is but a delusion and a snare: an old-foggyism replaced with latter-day little things to keep our neighbor in the way he should go and the better to fit him for the rule of Plutocracy.

The encroachments of the Federal judiciary, the autocracy of the postal department, the right of local self-government—all these are as nothing to the keeping down of "the lid," the abrogation of the race-track, the squelching of the profanity of the police, and other easy, goody-goody specialties to dazzle the popular eye. Folk Democracy is the thing, my brother! And the Republic being its officially appointed exponent, it is heresy to question the orthodoxy of its enunciations. The halo of Reform hides every shortcoming—every sin. I know some of the erstwhile most conscienceless scoundrels, gathered under the wing of Righteousness, are now pure as the driven snow.

I know others, traitors to the party in the campaigns that determined whether the people should rule or sink into the condition of abject slavery to Plutocracy—the campaigns when the legions of Democracy were headed by the ablest and purest champion of modern times—who sit under the drippings of the sanctuary, secure in the one saving grace of Folk and him glorified; while others of us are barely tolerated in the back pews for the sole reason that all is grist that comes to the mills of the Saints on election day. If ye would not be ejected from the amen corner, Bro. Mac, I beseech you, curb your impatience, forget the past, and sink all question of Democratic principle. In the shining lexicon of Reform the word Principle is turned into Principal, and the recusant who refuses the interest of unquestioning glorification cannot sit with the elect. The fanfare of Little Things spectacularly exploited must satisfy your every desire. *Vive la République!*

COMMENTING on Joseph Medill Patterson's declaration in favor of socialism, the Philadelphia Public Ledger says:

A large number of well-to-do young men like Mr. Patterson—philanthropists, college professors, educated and cultivated men and women who are not disturbers of the peace and have no political or other axes to grind—are playing with the socialistic firebrand, and are quite willing to leap without taking the precaution to look.

The Public Ledger must not overlook the fact that a large number of well-to-do young men and well-to-do old men, also a large number of newspaper editors and men who pose as statesmen, are playing with the plutocratic firebrand. The offenses committed in plutocracy's name have done more to encourage socialism than all the literature that has been printed upon that subject. Indeed, we believe that at the time of the coal strike some such statement was made by the Chicago Record-Herald, a Republican paper, but warnings such as these have had no effect upon greedy men, and they seem willing to pile exaction upon exaction, regardless of consequences. As has often been said in these columns, Democrats are the conservatives, standing as they do between the radicalism of plutocracy as represented by the Republican party on the one hand and the radicalism of socialism on the other. Republican papers have frequently told us that these vast combinations of capital, as represented by conspiracies in restraint of trade, are part of the evolution. If they persuade men that "the corner" on property has come to stay, with what reason do they object when their students insist that the people as a whole, rather

than a coterie of men, shall exercise control over that "corner." Even J. Pierpont Morgan once said that men who, like himself, were engaged in effecting these great combinations of capital were merely the precursors of socialism. The Republican party's doctrines inevitably lead to socialism; but the doctrines of Democracy will preserve this government in the spirit in which it was founded, placing no restraint upon the industry and ingenuity of men, exercised within honest limits, but withdrawing all special privileges. The Republican editors are just now having a great deal to say concerning "young Mr. Patterson." They can not ride down his arguments by sneers. He has doubtless given more patriotic and intelligent thought to public questions than has been given by his distinguished father to whom as a Republican editor politicians point with pride. The Commoner believes that "young Mr. Patterson" could be of more service to his countrymen if he joined the forces of Democracy and gave the benefit of his unquestioned ability and integrity to that political organization upon which the American people must depend for the salvation of popular government. But Mr. Patterson prefers to join the Socialists, and Republican editors need not condemn him. As a Republican he learned, even from his present day critics, that the law is not strong enough to cope with its creatures, and that the men who have grown fat on special favors are superior to the government granting those favors. It is not altogether strange that Mr. Patterson, honestly concerned for the public welfare, should conclude to go from one extreme to the other and should transfer his affections from a party that believes the government should be administered at the expense of the many for the benefit of a few, to a party that believes in what we regard as an impossible, although attractive, form.

—*The Commoner.*

Des Are Items.

We are having the worse weather ever known in this section for March. Farmers have done nothing and saw milling is at a standstill.

E. W. Graves is rebuilding his store. It will be a modern structure, built of concrete, 30x90, 18 feet high, iron roof and fire-proof. Walter Strother and Jas. Brown will do the wood work, and Mr. Cooper the concrete work. Mr. Graves is an energetic business man, and we only wish we had several more like him. We would soon have a big town. His handle factory, saw mill and planer are running.

W. J. Fitz was down among the saw mills last week, on the Frisco Railroad, and took orders for two hundred dollars' worth of tailor made suits while there. He represents a firm in Chicago.

Wm. Stevenson & Bro. sold 800 acres of wild land, east of Brunot, last week, to O. McNulty of Clarinda, Iowa. Consideration, \$800. Joe Reed also sold 40 acres to Mr. Keers, the dairy man, for \$300.

The Des Are Mining Co. will commence work here in April, getting out lead ore.

John Chilton & Bros. shipped in two cars of mules from St. Louis last week.

Monroe Wilson shipped a car load of fine cattle to St. Louis.

There is a disease among the cattle near Brunot. Over fifty head have died, belonging to different farmers.

Our public school closed here last week, and I am sorry to say the school was a failure. Our teacher was, too good; too much of a Christian gentleman to handle our bad boys and girls. They got the start of him right in the beginning, and kept it. The only man that can teach this school is some man that will knock down and drag out, and if the parents uphold their children, whip them.

Rev. Alcorn preached here Sunday on holiness and sanctification. He hit the Holiness people some hard blows, and knocked the second blessing clear out. He proved every word he said from the bible, and challenged any Holiness man or woman to deny what he said, in debate or any other way.

We have just learned by 'phone of the death of Dr. David Clark-son of Annapolis, Mo. His obituary will appear later. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Jas. Harris, of Sabula. ISAAC.

Some big bargains in Shoes at B. F. Brown's.

Indigestion is much of a habit. Don't get the habit. Take a little Kodol Dyspepsia Cure after eating and you will quit belching, puffing, palpitating and frowning. Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

We are offering staple prints, gingham, domestics and sheetings at a less price than they can be purchased at wholesale to-day. No thought of profit during this sale. Our sole object is to convert the goods into cash. Lopez Store Co.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

Lopez Store Company.

OWING to the severe weather of the past few weeks our building operations have been necessarily delayed. Meanwhile the

Big Bargain Sale Continues

with unabated fervor. Until our old store building is removed and our new spring stock received, which will be in the early part of April, we will continue to sell goods at lower prices than ever before known.



Great Bargains in Clothing!

Do you need a new suit or pair of trousers? You can buy better clothing for less money than you have ever bought before.

Our regular Men's fine \$15.00 Suits for	\$11.00
Our regular Men's fine \$10.00 Suits for	7.75
Our regular Men's fine \$8.00 Suits for	5.00

This line of Men's Suits
For \$5.00 is Unexcelled.

Men's all wool coats and vests as low as	\$2.00
Boys' Suits from	90c to \$3.00

Worth Double the Money.

Shoes.

For Ladies, Gents, Children.

Lots of them, and they are selling rapidly at the big cut prices we are making. Every one knows that leather is higher, and this makes our extremely low prices all the more noticeable. We positively

Save You From 25c to 75c.

On every pair of Shoes purchased;

Dry Goods.

We are Still Giving
Unexcelled Values.

Domestics at	5c, 6c, 7c yd
All the best Calicos at	5c yd
Beautiful designs in Comfort Calicos for	4c yd
Cotton plaids, checks and stripes	4c, 5c, 6c yd
All 10 & 12c Percales go at	8c yd

Splendid Values in Table Linen and Napkins

Furniture, Stoves and Housefurnishings.

Bargains Everywhere.

Iron Beds, artistic and substantial for	\$2.00
Woven Wire Springs, regular \$2.25 grade for	1.50
Solid Wood Bedsteads for only	1.00
Good Serviceable Chairs, 60c regular, for	40c

Buy that new carpet, you will need this spring, now, and save from 20 to 25 cents on every yard. It's to your interest to do so.

Mattings, Linoleums, Lace Curtains—you will need them all later. If you want to practice economy, buy while the opportunity is yours.

Groceries.

Snap in Groceries--We are still selling

20 lbs Best Standard granulated Sugar	\$1.00
15c Standard Roast Coffee for	12c
Choice Navy Beans, per lb.	3c
Good Rice, per lb.	5c
9 Bars Lenox Soap for	25c

Numerous Other Values Equally as Good.

Feedstuffs.

We carry Hay, Grain and Feedstuffs at the lowest price. Also

Northern Seed Potatoes,
Onion Sets, Red Top,
Timothy, Clover, Fancy
German Millet and Northern
Black Mixed Seed Oats.

The Best Goods For the Least Money.

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